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#### **PROCLAMATION**

## **RE: SHELLFISH POLLUTED AREA**

Stephen W. Murphey, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries, upon the recommendation of Betsey Tilson, M.D., M.P.H., State Health Director, Department of Health and Human Services, hereby announces that the following changes in shellfish harvesting areas will take effect at sunrise, Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

All those waters in Onslow County will return to the status described in PA-PC-2020, **except the following which will remain closed:** 

#### **ONSLOW COUNTY**

<u>Queens Creek - All those waters in Queens Creek</u> upstream of a straight line across the mouth, beginning at a point 34° 39.8479′N - 77° 09.1171′ W on the west shore; running northeasterly to a point 34° 40.2031′N - 77° 08.4408′ W on the east shore near the State Park Boat Ramp.

<u>All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,</u> between IWW Beacon "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "49", near Swansboro waterfront, to include White Oak River.

# The following also remains closed:

# **CARTERET COUNTY**

<u>All those waters, from the Intracoastal Waterway to the mainland,</u> between IWW Beacon "45A", near Cedar Point, and IWW Beacon "49", near Swansboro waterfront, to include White Oak River.

<u>Newport River - All those waters in Newport River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point 34° 44.8271' N - 76° 42.1709' W on the south shore near Crab Point; running northeasterly to a point 34° 46.3210' N - 76° 41.2515' W on the west shore of Core Creek.

<u>North River – All those waters in North River</u> upstream of a line beginning at a point on the west shore at 34° 46.0460' N - 76° 37.0517' W, running easterly to a point on the east shore at 34° 46.2731' N - 76° 35.4724' W (near the DMF Shrimp Line).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

A. This proclamation is issued under the authority of N.C.G.S. 113-170.4; 113-170.5; 113-182; 113-221.1; 143B-289.52 and N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 03H .0103 and 03K .0101.

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- B. It is unlawful to violate the provisions of any proclamation issued by the N.C. Fisheries Director under his delegated authority pursuant to N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Rule 15A NCAC 03H .0103.
- C. In accordance with N.C. General Statute 113-221.1(c) all persons who may be affected by proclamations issued by the Fisheries Director are under a duty to keep themselves informed of current proclamations.
- D. This proclamation returns the following areas to normal closure boundaries: Alligator Bay, New River, and the Intracoastal Waterway near Shellrock Landing.
- E. These reopenings are due to satisfactory bacteriological sampling results.

Stepnen W. Murphey, Director DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES, DEQ

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